

III. REMARKS

The Office Action set forth two species of claims, a first species directed to a method of claims 19-98 disclosed in Figure 4, and a second species directed to a processor of claims 99-121 disclosed in Fig. 5. Applicant is required to elect one of the species.

In response to the foregoing restriction requirement, Applicant hereby elects claims 19-98 of the first species for prosecution on the merits. Claims 99-121 of the second species are hereby withdrawn.

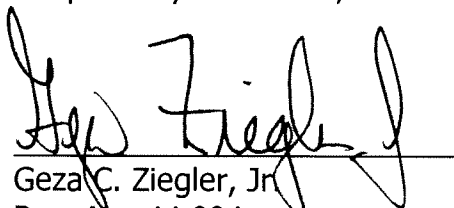
Applicant intends to file a divisional application for the withdrawn claims 99-121.

An examination on the merits of the elected claims is requested. The examiner is requested to consider the arguments for patentability of the claims presented in the previous response.

Should any unresolved issues remain, the Examiner is invited to call Applicants' attorney at the telephone number indicated below.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment for any fees associated with this communication or credit any over payment to Deposit Account No. 16-1350.

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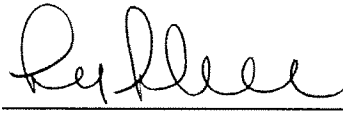
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